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RULE 312 AMENDMENT

This is a timely reply to the Notice of Allowability dated October 4, 2006. As no claims have been added, and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith. If any fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.